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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6941**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1550

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 8, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Veterinary Education Equivalence.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Rhoads

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill provides that for purposes of obtaining and renewing a veterinarian license, the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE) is considered an approved educational program. The bill requires the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (BOVME) to amend rules to make conforming changes.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The BOVME would likely be able to amend the necessary rules to accommodate PAVE as an approved educational program within the course of a regularly scheduled business meeting. The BOVME is scheduled to meet six times during CY 2013.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** *Summary:* If more persons were allowed to hold a veterinarian license via the PAVE program, those newly qualified applicants would pay the fees for licensure, which would increase revenue to the state General Fund. It is unknown how many persons may qualify for a license under this bill, therefore, the revenue the provision could generate in a state fiscal year is indeterminable.

*Background Information-* A PAVE certification allows graduates of nonaccredited veterinary schools to qualify for licensure in 38 licensing jurisdictions in the United States. The PAVE program has four steps to certification.

- Step 1: Application and Credentials Review.

- Step 2: Demonstration of English Proficiency.
- Step 3: Passage of the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME) Qualifying Examination.
- Step 4: Completion of a clinical assessment at an accredited veterinary school (of 12-months or more time). OR, passing the veterinary clinical skills assessment (VCSA) developed by the NBVME.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners: [www.nbvme.org](http://www.nbvme.org).

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